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For: LOW FOGGING THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMER COMPOSITION AND  
MANUFACTURING METHOD AND USE OF SAME

Enclosed are:

A specification consisting of 51 pages  
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 Applicant claims small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27  
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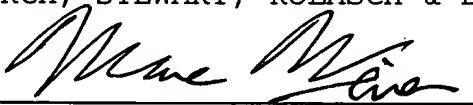
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